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THE WARWICK ROAD

Our correspondent last week was on the right tack when he insisted that the work of rebuilding what is known as the "Warwick Road," being the road from the western limit of the Town of Middletown leading in a southwestern direction to the Maryland line near the Town of Warwick, should be begun as early as possible. To one who has used it in the past three years, it is unnecessary to speak of its bad condition, and no one better appreciates this than does County Engineer Wilson. But the Legislature of 1907 practically took the road out of his care and supervision. It will be remembered that the Act providing for the bonding of the County for the improvement of the highways set aside $36,500 for St. Georges Hundred. Out of this was to be built the Mt. Pleasant to Boyd's Corner Road, construction of which was started last fall but which is still incomplete. Whatever was left of the apportionment must be expended on the Warwick road. The contract price and the estimated cost of supervision, &c., amount to $23,851, leaving a balance of $12,649 to be expended on the Warwick road. This will probably build about 1½ miles. The total length of the road is just 3 miles, so there must be obtained at least $12,000 more or the road will be only half built. This amount can be secured in only one of two ways. The Levy Court may take it from the unappropriated funds or it may take it from $10,000 appropriation which the County makes annually and to which the State adds unequal amount for good roads. If the proper effort is put forth, this might be done. By proper effort we mean that a delegation representing the taxpayers of this vicinity should meet with the Levy Courts and urge not only a prompt action in building what is provided for but to carry the road to the Maryland line.

All of the above is on the theory that the Warwick road when built will be of the same standard macadam as the roads constructed under the Act of 1907. While we think that these stone roads are too hard for this section of the country, we also think that if any road south of the Christiana River should be stone, this is the road. The travel over it is heavy, and until we have some better sample of gravel roads than the one from Townsend to Pine Tree, we favor for this Warwick Road a full macadam road sixteen feet wide.

A POOR PROP

While the Republican factions are fighting, the Democratic organization may well improve time by getting things in shape for a vigorous campaign in Delaware this year. It ought to furnish a favorable opportunity for the re-establishment of Democratic supremacy.—*Evening.*

If our contemporary is building its hopes on the contingency above mentioned, its castle will rest on foundations of "hot air." It cannot proceed to the creation, management, direction and command of a Republican split in this year of grace. We may have differences of opinions on candidates, but any of the probable Presidential nominees at Chicago will carry Delaware when November rolls round. The scars and bitter memories of our last factional war have not yet been forgotten.

LETTER TO JOSHUA CROSSLAND

Middletown, Del.

Dear Sir: A new word has come into use in paint; it is strong. Strong paint is strong. Strong paint is paint as strong as paint can be. Weak paint is paint not so strong.

If one paint wears 10 years, and another 5, the 10-year paint is the stronger.

The strongest paint is the one that takes least gallons and wears longest.

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There are strong and weak paints; we all want the strongest; paint can't be too strong.

Yours truly
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DELAWARE BRANCH NATIONAL CONSUMERS' LEAGUE

At the annual meeting of the Delaware Consumers' League, held in the New Century Club, Wilmington, March 3d, 1908, the following officers were re-elected: Miss Emily P. Bissell, President; Mrs. L. C. Vandegrift, First Vice-President; Miss Mary H. A. Mather, Second Vice-President; Miss M. H. Shearman, Executive and Corresponding Secretary; Miss Elizabeth R. Jackson, Recording Secretary; Miss Jennie M. Weaver, Treasurer.

During the meeting the president announced that the league would work during the coming year for the coalition of the Child Labor law and the Compulsory Education Law. The present Child Labor law is not adequate and the league hopes to present a model one to the next Legislature. The Compulsory Education law needs to be amended so that it will provide for enforcement.

A vigorous campaign will be conducted next fall and winter. It was suggested that women's clubs throughout the State form leagues in their social service committees and that they educate public opinion to demand a perfect child labor law.

The annual report of the corresponding and executive secretary was read, as follows:

The Consumers' League of Delaware began its work a year ago with 134 members and five committees—publication, investigation, lectures and meetings, legislation and finance.

The publication committee had printed and distributed 1,000 Red Letter clock calendars, borrowed from the Philadelphia branch; 250 copies of the Christmas shopping story, "Gorman's Grocery;" had reminders against late Christmas shopping in the trolley cars, and had printed 500 copies of the Delaware Child Labor law, and 500 leaflets of information about the Delaware League.

The committee on investigation has visited six of our largest Wilmington stores and was glad to find that they conform to the standard of a fair house, some even setting a higher standard. It is hoped that a large number of stores will be found to conform to the required standard, and during the year it is expected that the white list will be published.

Our work for next year seems very nearly marked out for us—the completion of the investigation for a white list and the arousing of the public conscience throughout the State that will demand the enactment of the model Child Labor law by the next Legislature.

MARGARET HILLES SHEARMAN,
Corresponding and Executive Sec'y.

CECILTON

Miss Blanche VanBuskirk, of Baltimore, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. J. H. Smith is spending a few days this week in Baltimore.

Mrs. S. W. Lusby is entertaining her sister from Philadelphia.

The Misses Cannons spent last Saturday week with Mr. and Mrs. James Briggs.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson, of Galena, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home.

Mr. W. W. Allen, of Middletown, spent one day last week with his son near town.

Mr. Albert Wilson and wife are visiting her parents, Mr. J. D. Boulden and wife.

Miss Emma Lusby has returned home, after spending sometime with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Martha Bailey who has been the guest of relatives and friends in Milford has returned.

Julian Smith spent a few days last week with his brother, Mr. Albert Smith and wife, near Earleville.

Mr. A. W. Jones and wife, of Massey, were guests of his parents, T. P. Jones, Sr., and wife, on Sunday.

Mr. C. Hurlock and daughter, of Massey, were the guests of his father, Mr. Samuel Hurlock, on Thursday.

Services will be held in the Chapel every Wednesday and Friday at 3.30 P. M., during Lent. All are invited.

Mr. L. B. Manlove, wife and daughter, of Warwick, and Miss Elsie Boulden, of near Middletown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hoover and family.

Rev. W. F. Dawson and wife, Mr. William Jones and wife, Miss Nellie Lusby and Mr. Geary Morgan were entertained on Thursday by Miss Mary E. Etherington.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mr. Hugh W. Caldwell spent Wednesday last in Annapolis.

Mr. Harold Steele was a visitor in Baltimore last Tuesday.

Miss Mary Bouchelle has been spending a few days near Kirkwood.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Woolley spent part of last week in Baltimore.

Messrs. Bennett Savin and Clarence Noland, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Laura Laws, of Baltimore, is spending sometime with Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Laws.

Miss Bertha Lynch, of Warwick, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Pensel.

Miss Lida Sagers entertained a number of her friends at a party last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. D. Ferguson, of Chestertown, has been spending a few days with Mrs. Byron Bouchelle.

Mr. Harry Whitlock, of Chester, was a visitor at the home of Mr. William B. Coleman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Hay, of Wilmington, were the guests of Mrs. Annie Egee on Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Kibler and Miss Ida Bouchelle spent last Tuesday with Miss Helen Ellison, near St. Augustine.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Graeber, of Philadelphia, were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Karsner on Sunday.

Mrs. James S. Hopper entertained Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Perry and Mrs. E. E. Burton at dinner Monday evening.

The Sewing Society of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. James Hopper last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph Carter sold her household goods Saturday afternoon, and will move to Philadelphia in the near future.

Mr. Gilbert C. Cooling was in Washington on Saturday, where he attended the indoor meeting of the Georgetown University.

The canal has been opened to navigation, after being closed for the past six weeks while the lock at St. Georges was being repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor and sons Maurice and William, of Baltimore, attended the funeral of Mr. Byron N. Bouchelle on Saturday.

Mr. George Bouchelle, who has been under treatment at the Maryland Hospital in Baltimore for the past two months, returned home on Saturday much improved.

Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Perry were tendered a "surprise" by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, on Monday evening, and were kindly remembered with numerous packages.

The Sunshine Society has completed another year of successful work. In many ways they have brightened the lives of others, not only the shut-ins, but in helping the sick and destitute. The society has thirty members and meetings are held every month.

A very pleasant play party was given at the home of Mr. William Rhodes, on on Bohemia Manor, on Friday evening. The evening was spent in games, music and other kinds of social enjoyment. Refreshments were served at a late hour. Among those present were: Misses Esther and Gladys Banks, Margaret Johnson, Louise Boulden, Ollie Dean, Katharyn McDonald, Tina Evans, Anna Hevelow, Marie Byers, Augusta and Mary Baker, Florence Steele, Anna Racine, Lenore Lake, Lulu and Lelia Bryson and Katharyn Mooney; Messrs. John Hopper, Carol Wooleyhan, Byron Rhoades Nelson Cooling, Ward Beaston, Thomas Savin, Robert and Herbert Baker, William Dean, James Thornton, William Wright, Vaughan Rhoades, Herbert Garret, John Hurd, George Borem, William and Charles Schaefer, James Vaughan, Eugene Racine and Clement Davidson.

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LATEST IN FASHION FOR ALL WOMEN

In its issue of March 22d The North American is going to do something that will wake up interest among the women of this community, especially among the dressmakers and the women who want to keep up to the minute in matters pertaining to dress.

This issue of the paper will be the spring and summer fashion number of the paper. It will illustrate and describe the very latest fashions of France and America in drawings and photographs in such a way as no American newspaper has ever done.

There will be drawings by Jeannette Hope, who in Paris looks at French fashions with an American eye and knows what will appeal to the good taste of those at home. Miss Hope will furnish two pages of drawings for this edition.

A staff of fashion diplomats has got behind the scenes of the great French blouses and suits and gowns in excellent photographs. Accessories of dress for women will also be pictured in photographs. A page will be given to new Paris hats.

The American staff has outdone itself in furnishing photographs and descriptions of the best that there is in American suits and gowns and the newest in dressy things for children.

The dressmakers, through The North American, will get the very latest models from which to furnish their patrons with the latest things for spring. They will find the spring fashion number something worth seeing and keeping.

D. ROSS & SON, Wilmington, Del.

New Styles for Easter

The McCall Company, fashion publishers and makers of the celebrated McCall Patterns, have issued a beautiful colored Fashion Sheet, separate and distinct from the regular monthly Fashion Sheet, illustrating many attractive styles for Easter. We have a limited supply of these sheets, which we shall be glad to present to the ladies. Write our Pattern Department on the coupon below.

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Mar. 3, 1908.

Upon the application of Ellen Bradley Administratrix of Emily Whitlock late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the administratrix aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein ten times.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

[Seal]

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Third day of March A. D. 1908, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to said Administratrix, on or before the Third day of March, 1909, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

ELLEN BRADLEY,
Administratrix.

Address,
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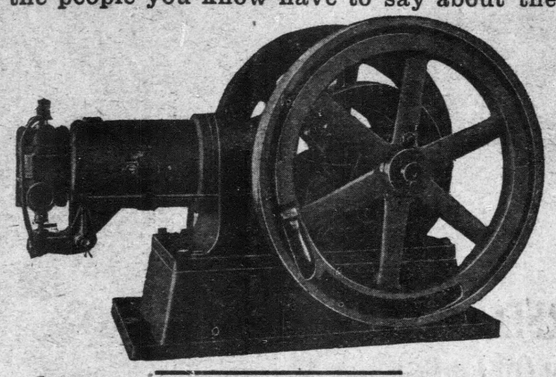

S. Georges, Del., Dec. 30th, 1907.
Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son.
Middletown, Delaware.

Gentlemen:—The 3-horse-power Olds gasoline engine I bought of you three years ago, is giving me perfect satisfaction, and should I at any time need more power, I would get another of the same, but larger. The one I have pumps all the water, shells all the corn, grinds all the feed, separates the milk, churns the cream, runs the washing machine, grinds the sausage, and in fact takes the place of a man, and is always ready. Of the many gasoline engines, I think the Olds the simplest and easiest to operate, as it has the least working parts to get out of order. I enstalled mine myself; have not needed anybody to look after it, have not needed any repairs, and do not notice any wear in three years' use. It is a labor saver. For raising water a wind engine is a back number compared with an Olds gasoline engine. You don't have to wait 'till the wind blows with the latter, and it can be used for various purposes. A trial will convince anyone that they are second to none. Yours respectfully,
GEO. D. CROSSLAND.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 28th, 1907.
J. F. McWhorter & Son,
Middletown, Del.

Dear Sirs—Yours of the 16th received, as ing me to say what I think of the Olds gasoline engine I bought of you. In reply will say it has given me satisfaction, and is all that you claim for it. I bought it for a 3½-horse-power, and it is full po er. You as ed me to mention how much the repairs have cost since I bought it. I have bought one spark plug which cost $1.25. This is all I have paid for repairs, and have been using the engine over two years.
E. W. MANLOVE.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 1st, 1907.
J. F. McWhorter & Son,
Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—The Olds gasoline engine purchased from you last spring, is doing me very excellent work. I have used it for most everything on the farm that an engine can be used for. I find it most simple and easy to run, and keep in order, and think it the strongest machine of the kind I ever saw, and the horse power is all that is claimed for it; in fact, some of the tests I have given it, demonstrated full six horse power if not more. While I had some little trouble at first, it was no fault of the engine; the whole matter being in the battery. I put on a new battery and have since had no trouble, and the machine has cost me nothing for repairs and is always ready for use.

Respectfully Yours,
JOHN P. COCHRAN, JR.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 26th, 1907.
J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gentlemen:—I have used the 7-horse-power Olds gasoline engine bought of you for nearly two years, and have found it perfectly satisfactery in every particular; plenty of power and always ready to run. I have had experience with several other makes, but with none like the Olds.
Yours truly,
J. C. GREEN.

St. Georges, Del., Jan. 5th, 1908.

My Dear Sirs:—It has been but a very short time since I become acquainted with the Olds gasoline engine. Before buying I was advised by several to make my investment in the Olds engine for several reasons, and since I have used it find it the best in many ways. It is the leas complicated and the easiest adjusted of any other engine on the market. Easy to start and willing to go. I find it a help saver in many ways. I pump the water for my stock, do my churning, grind my feed, shell corn, all with perfect satisfaction, and expect to make it do many other things as soon as I can arrange for them. I also think it is more powerful than the power they claim for it. I don't know how I ever got along without it, and surely will not be without one again as long as I am on the farm.
Yours very respectfully,
JAMES B. MOORE.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 31st, 1907.
J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gents:—In reply to your letter asking me what I have to say about the Olds engine I bought of you. Will say I cannot say too much for this engine. It suits me to perfection. I have not had any trouble with it in any way since I bought it. I bought it for 8-horse-power, and am sure it is full power. Now that I have used it I would not know how to get along without it. It is a good investment.
J. CO GILL ALSTON.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 30th, 1907.
Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gents:— have been using the Olds gas engine you sold me on June 11th, with perfect satisfaction. It is simple, easy to run, and has not cost me one cent for repairs during the 7 months it has been in use, and for the use we have for it (ice cream making,) it is a model engine.
Respectfully yours,
W. B. KATES.

Port Penn, Del., Dec. 27th, 1907.
J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gentlemen:— can say that the Olds gasoline engine, is all that they claim for it. My engine is an 8-horse-power, and has been running a little over four years. My work is mostly grinding feed. The repairs have cost me six or eight dollars, most of which has been my own carelessness. My batteries have never been refilled.
Yours truly, R. H. KEEN.

Cecilton, Md., Dec. 23d, 1907.
J. F. McWhorter & Son.

Gentlemen:—In reply to your letter, I would say: The Olds engine that I have been using for nearly 3 years, has given me good satisfaction. It is a good strong machine, and easy to operate. I have done good work with it, and I cannot speak too high in its favor.
Respectfully, J. T. MANLOVE.

Warwick, Md., January 22d, 1908.
Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son,
Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—Having used the Olds engine for over a year, I am glad to say that it has more than come up to the recommendation you gave it. Am useing it for grinding, shelling corn, sawing and practically doing all the heavy work in an up-to-date wheelwright and blacksmith shop. I have no hesitancy in saying that no shop or farm is complete without an Olds engine. While I have but a 3½ horse power, it at times develops at least 5 horse. It is very simple and easy to run, and cost for repairs practically nothing, having cost me but 30 cents during the year, aside from batteries, I consider it the greatest investment I have made lately.
Respectfully,
A. R. MERRITT.

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FINE MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS With Detachable Cuffs

We have on hand 30 dozen men's shirts in all colors and sizes. We bought this lot of shirts at a great bargain and we will give the public the benefit of our purchase. The shirts range in value from a dollar to forty-five cents but we will sell them at 35c or 3 for $1.

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Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—75.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MARCH 14, 1908.

Local News

Pictures of the late Bishop Coleman can be had at MONRO'S.

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Go to H. R. Wilson, the up to-date cigar and tobacco dealer and try the famous Lipshultz 44 5c. cigar, Blunt & Londers. Use your judgment and be convinced.

The TRANSCRIPT readers are doubtless aware by this time that if a newspaper allows a subscriber to be one year in arrears on a subscription, hereafter, the publisher will be fined by the postal authorities. We hope our subscribers will remit at once on all subscriptions over that time.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE OR RENT.—Store, house and dwelling at Summit Bridge, Del.; possession given March 25. Apply to Samuel Alrich, Glasgow; Del., or Geo. W. Ingram, Middletown, Del.

I have secured the services of an up-to-date upholsterer for a short time only. If you are wanting anything in this line, call at once.
W. J. WILSON.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 5th: Miss Emma Boon, Mrs. Elverta White, Mr. Harry Blackston, Mr. Zaniel Molton.

The new ad. of John B. Spicer appears in this issue of THE TRANSCRIPT. Mr. Spicer is a practical plumber and steam fitter, and asks for a share of your patronage. Read what he has to say.

Brockson & Merritt of Warwick, Md., have accepted the agency for the Blackley" and "Little Giant" gasoline motors, and would be glad to have you call on them and get their prices before placing your order. See their ad. in this issue.

Messrs. Richard B. Merritt, Sr., William B. Davis and Walter Schriver have purchased from Julius Clayton the fine stallion "Bohemia Boy," for $1,050. The animal is eight years old, with great beauty and speed, and is considered to be one of the best bred horses in this section.

Mrs. Effie Lambert, of Seneca Castle, N. Y., a national organizer of the W. C. T. U., will address the Y's in Bethesda M. E. Church Sunday evening, March 22d. She will speak principlly to the young people but every one is cordially invited to be present. Special music.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son have the agency for the "Olds" gasoline engines, and their ad. appears in this issue. If you are thinking of buying one, read the testimonials of those who are using the "Olds," in their ad. You know them, and what they say about the engines wonderful work, can be relied upon as absolutely true.

NOTICE TO LADIES.—Ladies of Middletown who appreciate the opportunity of seeing and possessing these fine articles are invited to call at Miss L. M. Scott's Millinery Store March 19th, 20th and 21st, to meet Miss Anderson with an exclusive line of home made shirtwaists of all descriptions. An inspection will interest you. 'Tis free and you are cordially invited.

Railroad Detectives A. P. Thomas and S. F. Minner arrested here Monday a white man named George Warren, who is thought to be the man who broke into the railroad station at Hartley Saturday night. Warren when captured had two pairs of shoes with him, the numbers of which corresponded to some of the shoes stolen from the station. He was taken to Dover and lodged in the jail at that place.

Thursday was the first real spring day of the season. With the thermometer standing about the 70 mark, it had more the appearance of a May day than one in March, and Friday was also warm and the breezes reminded us of gentle spring-time. The weatherman has announced that we may have many more spring-like days, and if his predictions prove true, early gardens will be started, and house-cleaning begun.

Mr. William C. Lofland, of Milford, has leased the Middletown Opera House for one year, and proposes to open a skating rink here on Wednesday next. Mr. Lofland will build white maple floor laid over the old one, and make some other necessary repairs before opening. The members of the local Century Club are interested in the new project, and the Club will receive a percentage of the receipts. The ladies will sell club tickets at a reduction. The admission will be 10 cents. Don't forget the opening date, Wednesday, March 18th.

Mr. D. R. Rees, proprietor of Willow Grove Mills, will in a few weeks make some necessary repairs to the gates in the dam, and before starting the work, a large quantity of the water in "Silver Lake" will have to be run out. The lake is well stocked with bass and other fine fish, and Messrs. H. C. Elisson and H. H. Hilyard are making an effort to retain the fish in the lake by stretching wire in front of the gates, which will prevent them from passing through the gates into the creek. Their effort is a worthy one, and the public should encourage them by small contributions, which will be used to purchase the wire, etc.

The new Town Council, elected on Monday, March 2d, met on Monday last and organized for the ensuing year. The officers and committees are the same as last year, there being no change: President, Geo. V. Peverley; Secretary, Joseph Hanson; with Nathaniel J. Williams, W. J. Wilson and W. T. Connellee the other members of the board. The committees are as follows: Streets—Joseph Hanson, N. J. Williams and W. J. Wilson. Light and Water—W. T. Connell, N. J. Williams and W. J. Wilson; Finance—N. J. Williams, W. T. Connellee and W. J. Wilson; Law and Order—W. J. Wilson, N. J. Williams and Joseph Hanson.

The programme for the Century Club Meeting last Tuesday was an especially interesting one. After the opening exercises, Miss Mary Hutchin gave a most delightful account of the Consumer's League Convention held in Wilmington last week, Miss Hutchin being a delegate to the convention from Middletown. Mrs. Richard Cann, of Kirkwood, read a fine paper on "Anecdotes of Mistresses of the White House;" Misses Edna Banning and Bessie Foraker delighted the audience with several beautiful piano duetts. The programme for next Tuesday's meeting includes "American Industries," Miss Julia E. M. Lockwood; "American Colleges," Miss Agnes Cochran; "American Art." Miss Eliza C. Green.

[Written for THE TRANSCRIPT].

DRIFTING

BY S. S. C.

Thou art drifting down life's river,
Drifting toward a sea,
From whose shore no bark returned,
'Tis eternity.

At the mouth lie rock tremendous,
Blacker than despair,
Many a noble bark, my friend
Has been shipwrecked there.

Hark! the wild white waves are foaming,
Hungry, fierce and bold,
O'er the shattered vessel dashing,
Dreadful icy cold.

But beyond these raging billows,
Lies a happy shore,
Where the saints are redeemed through Jesus,
Dwell forever more.

Oh, my friend, thy bark shall never
Reach that happy shore,
'Till the Lord becomes thy pilot,
He will guide thee o'er.

Call him with entreaty urgent,
Call him near thy side,
Then o'er roughest, darkest billows
Safely thou shalt guide.

COLLEGE DAYS

The comedy drama "College Days," rendered by local talent in the Middletown Opera House on Thursday and Friday evenings, was well patronized, and the people were pleased with the production. The, play which was under the auspices of the Volunteer Hose Company, was staged by Mr. William Howe, and his efforts in rehearsing the local talent which assisted him in giving the performance are worthy of special mention.

At this writing it is impossible to learn just how much cash the firemen are in pocket by the production, but it is safe to say their treasury will be increased by more than one hundred dollars. It would be unfair to make special mention of any particular participant, but sufficient to say that all of them played their parts well and the large audience was delighted. The cast follows:

Lord Fancourt Babberly, Oxford..... Mr. William Howe
Jack Chesney, undergraduate.....Mr. J. J. Northrup
Charley Wychom, St. Olde College. ..Mr. Norman W. Kumpel
Col. Sir Francis Chesney, late of the India Service.....Mr. Daniel W. Stevens
Stephen Spettigue, Solicitor, Oxford...Mr. Joseph A. Suydam
Brasset, college valet....Mr. J. W. Beaston
Thomas Martin, the new footman.....Mr. Harry Vinyard
Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez, from Brazil Miss Mary Adkins
Ella Delchey, an orphan, her ward...Miss May Kumpel
Kittie Verdum, Spettigue's ward.....Miss Hattie Cullen
Amy Spettigue, Spettigue's niece.....Miss Mary L. Richards

PETIT JURY DRAWN

Jury Commissioners Harlan G. Scott and J. Wilkins Cooch have drawn another petit jury for the present term of court. The new jurors will report Monday, March 16th. The following are the jurors drawn:

First Representative District—James Stevenson, James A. Hurlock, Robert Spence, Jacob Huber.

Second—Frederick Bringhurst, Edwin A. Moseley, Albert Brinton, Frederick P. Golding.

Third—Joseph Bancroft, Robert W. Smith, John Farman and Frederic Pyle.

Fourth—Harry J. Stoeckie, Andrew Traynor, John S. Bertolette and Charles W. Gooding.

Fifth—James F. Griffin, Martin F. Farry, Thomas M. Flourney and Harry Ernest.

Sixth—Thomas Dixon and Thomas T. Weldin.

Seventh—George McIntire and William Chandler.

Eighth—Walter A. Grace and Thomas Tuoby.

Ninth—Isaac J. Moore and George D. Medill.

Tenth—John Lester and Harry C. Hunter.

Eleventh—George McConaghey and Frank Blackburn.

Twelfth—William H. H. Clark and Samuel M. Harman.

Thirteenth—James Keegan and John A. Cleaver.

Fourteenth—Joseph C. Hutchinson and George H. O'Neal.

Fifteenth—Wilbur S. Walters and George Burge.

SHAD FISHING SOON TO BEGIN

Not within recent years has there been the interest in shad fishing as there seems to be at the start of the season this year. This interest is caused by people not usually identified with the industry, hunting for a means of livelihood and more than one person has spent long hours during the past two months knitting nets, while others have been engaged in devising means by which they hope to secure sufficient money to purchase enough knitted or woven net for the season, or at least enough to give them a start. Many others who fished part of last season and who quit early because of disappointment, are hopeful that they will obtain something from the nets this season.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Maud Smith is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. W. L. Torbert, of Laurel, was in town on Thursday.

Miss Fannie Shepherd is visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Preston Hardcastle, of New York City, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Robert Armstrong spent part of this week with his parents in Newark.

Mrs. A. M. Heaton has returned home after a short visit with Smyrna relatives.

Mrs. Paxon, of Kirkwood, spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. S. S. Holten.

Mrs. Stephen Slaughter, of Dover, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Parker.

Mr. C. L. Scott and daughter, Miss Ada, spent Sunday with relatives in Clayton.

Mrs. Harry Shapley, of Smyrna, spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Julia Holten.

Miss Emma Link, of Harrisonburg, Va., has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire.

Miss Loleta Johnson, of Wilmington, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George S. Hopkins.

Mr. Edward Reynolds was confined to the house several days this week, the result of a fall.

Miss Daisy Scott, of Wilmington, was the guest of her numerous friends here part of this week.

Mrs. James Collins, of Smyrna, has returned home, after visiting her sister, Mrs. William Scott.

Miss Maria H. Nowland has returned home, after an extended visit with relatives in New York.

Miss Florence Gill returned Monday from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Sparrow's Point, Md.

Mrs. Mary E. Jones is spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Caswell, in New York City.

Miss Mary H. Maxwell spent last Sunday in Philadelphia, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Miller.

Dr. Victor Cochran, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Ella P. Cochran, over last Sunday.

Misses Lavicia Wilson and Virginia E. Jones, of New York City, are spending sometime at their homes here.

Miss Eva Whitlock, of Philadelphia, is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Whitlock.

Mrs. Albert L. Massey and little son, of Dover, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, part of this week.

Miss Ethel Sparks, of near town, is spending sometime with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, in St. Georges.

Mrs. George F. Brady and daughters have returned home, after a month's visit to Palm Beach, Florida, and other southern points.

Mrs. S. E. Houston will leave next week for Baltimore, Md., where she will spend sometime with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Naudain.

THE MEANING OF LENT

By the word Lent is understood the fast of forty days preceding Easter, kept (after the example of Moses, Elias and Christ Himself) in order to prepare for the great festival of Easter. The Greek and Latin names for the fast, "Tessarakoste" and "Quadragesima," indicate the number of days. The Italian Quaresima and the French Careme come from the Latin. The German Fastenzeit and Dutch Vasten denote the fast, while our own word Lent, from the Anglo-Saxon Lencten, means spring, i. e., spring fast.

While the Scriptures make no mention of Lent, Tertullian and Irenaeus, of the second century, furnish proofs that Lent, in the general sense of a fast preceding Easter, has been known almost from Apostolic times. From the early part of the fourth century onward, however, there are many references to Lent as a period of about forty days. Still, in this century and the next one also, the duration of Lent varied considerably in different churches. Sozomen, a writer of the fifth century, says that all Africa, Egypt, Palestine and the Westerns generally, kept Lent for six weeks; the Church of Constantinople and the neighboring provinces for seven. The practice of the Roman Church and of most Latins, however, was to fast six weeks, exclusive of Sundays, making thirty-six days.

At last the Latin Church added the four days before the first Sunday in Lent to the fast, thus bringing it into conformity with the forty-day fast of Moses, Elias and Christ. This new discipline is recognized by the Council of Meaux, A. D. 846.

SIGNIFICANCE OF ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent was a season in which the faithful begged God's mercy for themselves, and were therefore expected to show mercy to others. The Imperial laws forbade criminal processes; the Church reconciled penitents; the Emperors released prisoners; masters pardoned their slaves and enemies became friends. It was a season of mourning, hence the Church has always strongly discountenanced festivities of all kinds during Lent.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which derives its name from the ceremony of administering ashes to the faithful in token of penance. The ashes are obtained from burning the palms of the previous Palm Sunday. At first they were administered only to "public penitents," who were brought before the Bishop, and then excluded from the Church, as Adam was banished from Paradise, with this admonition: "Do penance, that thou mayest have eternal life." Gradually the rite was extended to all the faithful, and to-day, in every Catholic church in the world where there is a priest to perform the ceremony, all the faithful, including men, women and children, are sprinkled with ashes, accompanied with the solemn warning: "Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return."

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Miss Mary Money was a brief visitor in Clayton Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Dayett, of Clayton, visited relatives here on Monday.

Miss A. R. Lawson visited her home at Elsmere on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Elsie Carey, of near Smyrna, visited Miss Lillian West on Wednesday.

Mrs. James A. Hart visited relatives in Philadelphia the latter part of last week.

Mrs. W. A. Scott entertained the W. C. T. U. at her home on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. George Knotts is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Susan Dawson, of Cob Island.

Martin Lee, of Philadelphia, visited his mother, Mrs. Lee, on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Pollitt, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Harry Stradley, of Philadelphia, was an over Sunday visitor with his family here.

Mrs. S. J. Brockson, of Middletown, visited Miss Estella VanDyke, on Wednesday.

The Supper given under the auspices of the Calendar Club was reported a financial success.

Howard VanDyke and sister, Miss Anna, spent Saturday with their brother, Ralph VanDyke and wife, near Odessa.

Mrs. Louisa Pritchard, who has been a sufferer for sometime, died at her late home on Main street Tuesday morning at 10.30. Funeral services at the church Friday morning at 10 o'clock; interment in Townsend Cemetery.

ODESSA

L. V. Aspril, spent Tuesday last with friends in Wilmington.

Mr. Hollis Baker, of Aberdeen, Md., is spending several days here.

Rev. R. L. Hallett spent part of last week with friends at Princeton, N. J.

Miss Lola C. Harris, of Smyrna, spent Sunday with her father, Lemuel Harris.

Mrs. Joseph Coll, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sophia Gremminger.

Miss Helen Townsend has returned from a brief visit with relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Harriet B. George spent Sunday last as the guest of her friend, Mrs. H. J. Polland, in Wilmington.

Mrs. William Evan and children, of near Middletown, spent Sunday last with her sister, Miss M. Rose.

Miss Catherine Whittock has returned to Baltimore, after spending a few days with her parents near town.

Little Miss Delma Dockety, of Middletown, spent Sunday last as the guest of her cousin, Miss Loeta Buckson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kielkopf, of Philadelphia visited his parents, John Kielkopf and wife, on Sunday and Monday last.

Mrs. Harry Stevenson and little daughter, of Greensboro, Md., spent a few days of last week with W. P. Rhein and family.

Rev. D. J. Givan, wife and son Kenneth spent Wednesday of this week in Port Penn, guests of her mother, Mrs. A. Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Enos entertained on Sunday last their son Courtney, of Lewes, and daughter, Miss Georgia, of Wilmington.

On Sunday evening, March 15th Missionary Anniversary will be observed in St. Pauls M. Church. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Henry C. Conard of Wilmington. An invitation is extended to all.

While playing in front of his home last week, George, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kielkopf fell and broke his right ankle. At this writing he is doing as well as can be expected and his many friends hope to see him out again soon.

The Young Peoples' Home Missionary Society of Drawyers Presbyterian Church will hold a bake every Saturday in March in the Academy. Special orders will be filled by leaving word with Mrs. R. L. Hallett or Mrs. W. V. Wood early in each week.

The revival meetings which have been held nightly, for the past five weeks, closed on Monday evening last, after a most successful revival, there being 96 conversions, and the Rev. John Clark who assisted the pastor in this good work returned to his home in Delmar, on Tuesday.

The following pupils of the Odessa Public School are deserving of special mention on account of scholarship and deportment: ROOM No. 1—Minnie Armstrong, Ethelda Webb, Emma Penington, Mary Carpenter, Anna May Berry, Ralph Shallcross, Richard Rhoads, James Carpenter, Walter Wiest. ROOM No. 2—Robert Heller, Emma Wallace, Frances Davis, Norman Ward, Raynor Carrow, Viola Smith, Blanch Wiest, Craig Naudain, Edna Carpenter, Loeta Buckson. ROOM No. 3—Mildred Phillips, Oka Wallace, Helen Kumpel, Isabella Smith, Dorothy Reynolds, Joseph Kumpel, Emily Webb, Malcom McCoy.

WARWICK

Mr. E. M. Holden is in Milton, Del.

Preaching at the M. P. Church at 10.30 A. M. tomorrow.

Mr. Howard Smith, of Smyrna, visited John L. Lattomus.

Miss Helen Eaton, of Stanton, visited her parents over Sunday.

Mrs. Agnes Aikin is visiting the Misses McAleer in New York City.

Mr. John Lattmous spent a few days of the past week in Smyrna.

Mr. D. W. Wilson, of Wilmington, visited his parents our Sunday.

L. B. Manlove has sold his match horses to a man in Kennett Square.

Mrs. R. B. Merritt has been entertaining Mrs. Jackson DeHarte, of Reading, Pa.

The Rev. C. M. Cullom will preach a special sermon to Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A.

Mrs. C. M. Cullom who has been confined to her room for the past fortnight is now able to be out.

Miss Bessie Wilson Gunkle has returned home, after an extended visit with friends in Lancaster and Westininster.

A committee of young members of Warwick M. P. Church will hold a box social in Warwick School Friday evening, March 20th. Proceeds for Church purposes The public is invited.

ST. GEORGES

James H. S. Gam spent Monday in Wilmington.

Theodore Jones was in Delaware City on Thursday.

James Batton, of Porters, was in town on Thursday.

Miss Claren Barnett is the guest of William Cox and family.

Mrs. August Lawrence is the guest of Mrs. George Vincent.

Mrs. Clarene Brinton, of Wilmington, was in town on Thursday.

Mrs. James Cannon spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. James Moore.

Mrs. Collins, of Port Penn, is spending sometime with Mrs. C. N. Jones.

Mr. John Krauss spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, at Henry Clay.

Miss Miriam Bryan and Mrs. Fredus VanHeikel spent Tuesday in Delaware City.

Mrs. Fredus VanHeikel and Mrs. Frank VanHeikel spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mr. Clarence Poole, of McDonough, visited A. N. Sutton and family two days this week.

Miss Myrtle Swartz, of Paulsboro, N. J., is the guest of her father, John Swartz and family.

Mrs. James Gam and Miss Della Martin spent last week in Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

Zadoc Pool, of McDonough, spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sutton.

Harry Cleaver, of Milford, was the guest of his aunt, Miss Rachel Cleaver, part of last week.

Frederick Hilderbrand and Cleaver Bryan spent Sunday with Edgar Carrow, near New Castle.

Harry Cleaver, of Milford, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. William Price and family on Thursday.

Mrs. Garrett Othoson has returned from a week's visit to her brother, Mrs. Collins, of Wilmington.

Miss Ethel Sparks, of near Middletown, is spending sometime with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Rommel, of Wilmington, is spending sometime with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Milligan.

A. N. Sutton and Samuel Haman were in Wilmington on Tuesday and Wednesday attending the Grand Lodge of A. O. U. W.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright and daughter, Miss Alva, of Baltimore, are visiting his sister, Mrs. D. C. Wolfe and family.

Mrs. Herbert Hopkins entertained part of last week Miss Maggie Kane, of Delaware City, and Miss Alice Kane, of Coatesville, Pa.

A Pie Social will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey G. Reynolds on Tuesday, March 17th, for the benefit of the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Frank Peterson entertained her mother, Mrs. James White, of Wilmington, and her sister, Miss Effie White, of Clayton, on Saturday and Sunday.

A Sock Social was held at the home of Mrs. James Gam on Wednesday evening by the young folks of the M. E. Sunday School. It was largely attended and quite a success both socially and financially.

PUBLIC SALES

MONDAY, MARCH 16th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., bp Alexander Maxwell, on his farm about one mile north of Middletown. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	$ .93	Corn—	
No. 2		Yellow, shelled	60
Timothy Seed	$2.75	" cob	60
Clover Seed lb	.20	Oats	60

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CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	18@20
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Creamery Butter, per lb	36
Lard, per lb	10@14
Live Chickens, per lb	12@16
Potatoes	45

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On Saturday, MARCH 21st, 1908,

The following described personal property to-wit:

The entire household goods of the said deceased, consisting of a suit of mohair furniture, lot of cane-seat chairs, rocking chairs, one office chair, bed-room stove, gasoline stove, kitchen stove, sewing machine, bedsteads and bedding, lot of ingrain carpet, kitchen furniture and dishes and many other items too numerous to mention.

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ALFRED G. COX, Secretary.

THE MIRACLE OF THE LOAVES

BY ANNIE HAMILTON DONNELL

Carefully dropping the fluffs of dough into the two tins, Aunt Ellen patted them gently to make them fit into the corners.

Light as feathers, she nodded, approvingly. Well, the poor child deserves a little help, I suppose. I'll just run across and tuck them into her oven; mine isn't hot enough. The way the smoke's pouring out of that chimney, she's got all her drafts wide open—as usual. It beats me how Corinna's child can possibly be—Barbara!

Corinna's child had been Barbara for sixteen years. She had grown tall and comely and "scatter-brained"—that was Aunt Ellen's word. She had not a trace of Corinna's housewifely talent even in embryo. Her mother could make bread and beds when she was six better than Barbara could at sixteen!

I taught Corinna myself, Aunt Ellen thought, then added honestly but with a grimace, And I taught Barbara! Well, I'm not going to shoulder the responsibility of that child—she could do a good deal better if she tried. What riles me is her indifference.

All this while Aunt Ellen had covered the delicate loaves with a fresh towel, put on her sunbonnet, and started forth across the green space between the two houses. The two loaves would help the child out. It was rather an undertaking for a schoolgirl to keep house for a live man and three live boys.

I ought to be more charitable, gentle Aunt Ellen repented. She entered the littered, hot little kitchen with a resolve to see nothing but the oven door.

But on the very threshold an acrid, penetrating smell greeted her; she had to see that smell!

With a groan she sped to the stove, threw open the oven door, and discovered two black and smoking loaves of what Barbara might have meant for bread.

Black as your hat—flat as pancakes! was her grim inventory. Well, all is, I pity those men!

Barbara was evidently nowhere in sight or sound—or smell. The little loaves had been put into the oven, all the drafts of the stove opened wide to insure their burning, then left to the tender mercies of providence. That was Barbara's way of baking.

It's lucky I made bread myself; I'm not going to let my brother-in-law and nephews starve to death in sight of my kneading-board!

Aunt Ellen was on her knees, doing energetic things. The black loaves came out with a sweep of her arm, the white perfect ones went in, the oven door snapped shut.

Now I'll regulate this fire—all it needs is toning down. Those loaves'll bake in half an hour. Barbara! Barbara! Where is the child? You couldn't surprise me any, telling me she'd gone visiting! Well, all is, I've got to go home and run across again in twenty minutes or so. I'm going to have that bread baked right! I'll take this mess of charcoal home with me and throw it into the hen-yard—charcoal's healthy if it isn't appetizing. And I might's well swap bread tins with Barbara, too; these are just like mine, and it will save some fetching and carrying.

Aunt Ellen bustled home, stopping only a minute to toss Barbara's bread into the midst of her flock of chickens.

She had hardly washed and set away the tins when wheels clattered rapidly into her little side yard. It was her son Dana, and calamity sat beside him on the seat. Aunt Ellen ran to the door. Which is it? she gasped. Mary? The baby?

Both. They fell downstairs. Don't stop to take your apron off, mother! The man's face was white with anxiety.

When Aunt Ellen, a few minutes later, locked up her little house and rode away, she did not know it would be many anxious weeks before she came back. Once and for all, driven out of her mind by the calamity that had ridden into the yard with Dana, the little episode of Barbara's burned bread and the exchange of loaves vanished from her memory. The dread of the weeks to come was to fill all the nooks and crannies of her mind.

Barbara, browsing dreamily among her books, did not remember her ill fated loaves. It was a mere chance that sent her back to her kitchen, and even then only the sight of her kneading-board that suggested bread. It was a kind chance that brought it all about just at the right time.

Mercy, my bread! It must be burned to a cind—

It was baked to a delicate golden brown! The dainty loaves were puffed up, dimpled, beautiful. A warm, delicious odor gently buffeted Barbara's face.

Oh! Oh! breathed she, in delight. Oh, it's perfect! It's magnificent!

It was exactly the right time to take it out. Barbara took it out and sat on the floor with it in her lap. It burned through to her knees, but she wanted to be burned. She was in her first rapture of success. It was such beautiful, beautiful bread! She kept leaning down to sniff the delicious odor, to admire the puffiness and delicate brownness, to be proud of it.

Barbara had never been proud before of anything that came out of that oven. Burned things, raw things, heavy, flat, unsightly things had come forth in a steady procession—a dreary, dismal procession. But here—here were two golden-brown, puffy, wonderful things! She saw them, felt them, smelled them!

You beauties! You darlings! exulted Barbara. I could kiss you! And to think you are mine! What will father and the boys say? Oh, I can hardly wait for supper-time!

But the thought of supper-time raised thoughts of the cake baked that morning and the scorched apple sauce. Suddenly it appeared to Barbara as sacrilege that this beautiful bread should be served with anything less perfect than itself. With soggy cake and scorched apple sauce—bah! Never! Barbara scrambled to her feet and deposited her loaves tenderly on the table. She went into the pantry and brought out her dreary cake, and set it beside them. The contrast appalled her.

Never! she cried, setting her lips together hard. They've got to match better than that. I'll try another rule of cake, and we'll see! Anybody that can make bread like that— She laughed softly to herself.

She was a stranger to this new enthusiasm that possessed her, and the pleasant tingle of it sent the color to her cheeks. When had she ever wanted to cook anything before! Sam would laugh at her and Rich and Jeff say teasy things, and her patient father—why, how it would please him! And save his life, too, perhaps, and all their lives. They were all of them starving by inches.

Well, let them wait—let them see to-night.

Barbara's mother had been away at the hospital more than a month, mending slowly from a broken hip. The accident had happened while she was on a shopping trip, and she could not be brought home. Barbara had come home from boarding-school to "take care" of father and the boys.

Good-luck cake would be a good rule to make; it sounded propitious. Barbara got together her materials and went earnestly to work. She remembered as she followed directions with much painstaking that she had never made cake just this way before. It had not seemed worth while to bother much with rules; she had scrambled sugar and eggs and butter together hurriedly, to get it over with. Perhaps—Barbara was honest—perhaps that was what had been the matter with her cake.

The first trial of good-luck cake belied its name. It was a distinct improvement on the morning loaf, but it did not match the beautiful bread. With all her care Barbara had left out the cream of tartar, and the soda, left twinless, refused to do the work of both. Barbara sighed once,—sighed twice,—set her lips a little harder, and began over again. She had resolved to match her beautiful bread.

While the second loaf was baking she made more apple sauce. Aunt Ellen always sweetened hers in the beginning. Why had she not ever thought of that before? And Aunt Ellen never stirred hers. Barbara sweetened her apple sauce in the beginning, and did not stir it. She remembered she had seen Aunt Ellen set hers back on the stove, where it could not burn. Barbara set hers back. Always before she had been in too much of a hurry to get it cooked.

Good-luck cake was a good rule. Number two came out prettily rounded and browned. It did not quite "match," but it would do. And the apple sauce really did look tempting this time. Barbara sang little tune-snatches as she cleared away.

This kitchen must match, too, she thought, between tunes. I'm not going to have those two beauties ashamed of it. And I shall put on a fresh tablecloth and napkins. That plate of bread must have a good "setting!"

She was very tired when it was all done, but she was still humming little tunes as she waited. She meant to appear very natural and careless, as if nothing had happened, and then they would come suddenly upon her supper, her beautiful supper. Tra la-la-la—la-la-la la! sang Barbara, industriously, when heavy steps sounded on the walk. Out in the kitchen at the sink they took turns washing their hands. She sang on loudly and clattered plates, but she could still hear bits of what they said.

Wish mother was here. I'm hungry as a bear! mumbled Rich behind a towel.

Two bears here! Sam's voice. I'm always hungry nowadays. We never get anything fit to e—

Sh! That was father. Barbara thanked him in her heart. But to-night— She laughed softly.

She caught another bit later.

Do you s'pose we'll have lead buscuits again? Rich said.

With burnt sauce? asked Jeff.

Oh, come on, boys, and face—

Sh! again sharply.

Hello!

There were four separate exclamations. It was a triple blend of astonishment, admiration, delight. She tried to take her place at the table carelessly.

This is a great surprise, little girl! father found voice to say.

I say, you didn't do it all, did you, Barb? blurted Rich unbelievingly.

I got supper, if you mean that, with dignity. Then Barbara began to laugh. I did it? I did it! she cried. You all thought I couldn't cook! Mother won't come home and find four skeletons!

No, sir! Rich shouted. I'm getting fat already! Just the sight of that bread—Barb, it's a picture!

Isn't it! she agreed, proudly.

It was a merry meal. The "things that matched" disappeared as if my magic. It was the beginning of good things. There were failures of course, and discouragements, but steadily and surely the failures lessened. Whose loaves they really were she never knew, and Aunt Ellen never remembered. There were other beautiful loaves, honest descendants of the first pair, whose identity was without question.

Aunt Ellen came home looking worn but radiant. Mary and the baby had come safely through their terrible peril.

Barbara, dear child! she cried, joyously.

Aunt Ellen, you dear! You're coming right to my house for supper, and Cousin Dana, too! Barbara said, with authority.

But, child, you weren't expecting—

I'm 'expecting' now, Barbara laughed. There's plenty to eat—such as it is, she added, modestly.

It was Aunt Ellen's turn to be astonished—at the dainty table and the well cooked food on it.

Why, has Corinna—I didn't know Corinna'd come home! she ejaculated. Nobody wrote me—

She hasn't,—father smiled, for he understood,—but we're going to have her next week.

Yes, Barbara said, a little shy under Aunt Ellen's gaze, she's coming home next week. Everybody's getting well, aunty. Then with an impetuous swirl of skirts, she was round the other side of the table, beside the bewildered one, her arms round the lean neck, her lips to Aunt Ellen's ear. It was the merest whisper, but Aunt Ellen heard:

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Given under the hand and seal of (SEAL) office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.
FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

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MERRITT N. WILLITS,
Administrator.
Address, Merritt N. Willits,
Middletown, Delaware.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Jan. 7, 1908.

Upon the application of William C. Money Executor of William H. Money late of Appoquinimink Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testimentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein two months.

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WILLIAM C. MOMEY
Executor.
Address,
William C. Money
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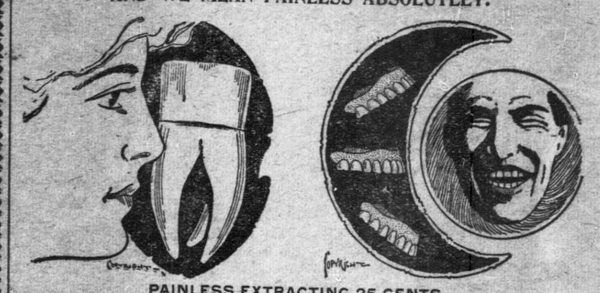

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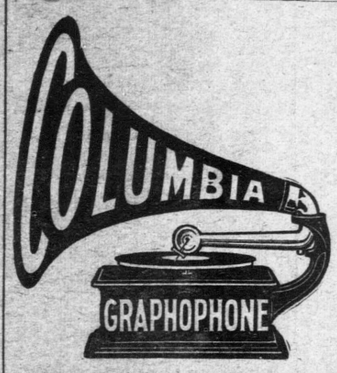

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